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Obama declares state of emergency as Isaac bears down

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama Monday declared a state of emergency in Louisiana as Tropical Storm Isaac gathered strength and threatened New Orleans, seven years after it was pummeled by Hurricane Katrina.

Obama informed the Gulf Coast state's governor, Bobby Jindal, that he was taking the move to free up federal funds and aid, during a conference call with local officials preparing for the storm, expected to come ashore on Tuesday.

The president also convened a briefing with officials including Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator (FEMA) Craig Fugate, hours before Isaac was expected to become a Category One hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico.

FEMA, along with other government agencies, including the Department of Defense, has staged emergency supplies closer to areas ex-

pected to experience severe weather.

"The president directed Administrator Fugate to ensure that FEMA was prepared regardless of the ultimate strength and impact of the storm," the White House said in a statement.

Isaac's approach, close to the seven-year anniversary of Katrina, which killed around 1,800 people, has sobering political overtones, as the presidency of George W. Bush was severely hit by his mishandling of the disaster.

Those memories also prompted the Republican Party to open and then suspend its convention in Tampa, Florida, which is meeting to nominate Mitt Romney as its White House candidate.

Obama's move allows the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA to coordinate all disaster relief and emergency efforts, in a bid to avoid a repeat of the confusion that hampered the Katrina relief effort.

Aruba hosts CHART-CCAS-CMLF, Joint meeting 9th CCAS HIV/AIDS Workshop



Drs Sten Vermund and Clive Landis

Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sport, Dr. Richard Visser, welcomed a gathering of esteemed researchers and administrators, dedicated to programs assisting and seeking cures for HIV/AIDS, on Sunday evening, August 26, for the opening evening of the 9th CCAS HIV/AIDS Workshop.

To the dismay of all, delegates from the Western Caribbean, key pioneers in programs combating HIV/AIDS, were unable to attend due to interference from Tropical Storm Isaac. It is hoped they will be able to travel to attend the final days. The seminars and workshops will be taking place through Thursday, August 30 at the Alhambra Ballroom. Guest speakers for the opening event were Dr. Sten Vermund and Dr. Clive Landis. MC for the evening was Reim van der Berg.

Dr. Vermund is Director of the Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, and serves as Amos Christie Chair in Global Health and Professor of Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine. Dr. Vermund's research interests lie in infectious disease control and prevention, with a focus on developing countries. He has been Principal Investigator of the National Institute of

Health HIV Prevention Trials Network for the past six years, responsible for a dozen prevention clinical trials on 5 continents. He has worked collaboratively in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and Haiti as well as Jamaican Ministry of Health and University of West Indies since the 1990s.

Dr. Landis holds the Chair in Cardiovascular Research and founded the Edmund Cohen Laboratory for Vascular Research at the Chronic Disease Research Centre, University of West Indies and heads their Immunology Ph.D. program. He is also Chairman of the Barbados National HIV/AIDS Commission Research Committee and President of the



Minister of Health, Dr. Visser

Caribbean Cytometry & Analytical Society (CCAS).

The topic on the table this week is "Combination Prevention in the Caribbean: Synergy between Laboratory, Clinician, Counselor and Community." Dr. Visser made some pointed observations during his welcome address. He related the difficulty of having conditions, such as he personal mission, obesity, being recognized as a chronic disease, as HIV/AIDS must also now be considered. Treatments have brought it to the point where people are living for decades with the disease.

"Every island is very diverse, and yet similar," he told the gathering.

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Minister Otmar Oduber signs economic AOC for Aruba Airlines



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so that they can proceed to the next step to be able to meet all the criteria to obtain the permit to operate as a commercial airline and fly to different destinations from Aruba.

Among the Aruba Airlines delegation were members of the ILFC lease company. The ILFC Company will be leasing Aruba Airlines the A-320

aircrafts. ILFC is one of the leasing companies with the largest aircrafts in the world.

Also present at the meeting was representatives of Airbus, who have shown great interest in Aruba. They are here to make acquaintance with the Aruba Civil Aviation Department, with a view of possibly doing business with Aruba with respect to the registration of offshore aircrafts as well as with local companies.

As soon as Aruba Airlines complies with all the requirements they will be ready to start flying to destinations/cities for which Aruba has been looking for airlift. This will help comply with the Aruba governments' vision to supply additional airlift to and from Aruba.

Aruba host CHART...

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Kim Quimby, University of the West Indies, Barbados

We have this thing about going to "the Motherland,"- the bigger countries, before we go to our neighbors...and then there isn't as much co-operation as there should be. We really do have similar issues and circumstances, and we are more apt to help each other. Perhaps not every island has all the experts needed, but together we definitely do"

The Minister asserted that in prevention, the Caribbean needs breakthroughs; presently, programs are not giving the desired results. Dr. Vermund related the latest statistics from UNAIDS, and there are now 34 million people in the world living with the disease. In 2011, there were 2.8 million new cases reported and 1.8 million deaths. These means the numbers of those infected are still growing by one million people annually. 7000 people a day discover they are infected with HIV/AIDS, of which 1000 are children.

As Dr. Vermund's research talk revealed, this figures are particularly disturbing as Antiretroviral Treatment, ART, has progressed to the point where infection in newborns from an infected mother can be prevented. Studies revealed that ART treatment of an HIV/AIDS positive spouse can reduce infecting a healthy spouse by a remarkable 96%.



The Aruban delegation

Impediments to proper treatment, resulting in continued infection, can be linked to the fear of reporting because of the stigma attached to being HIV/AIDS positive. Dr. Vermund also cited the difficulty of getting people to alter their sexual habits accordingly. Implementing programs for the hardest hit areas, Africa south of the Sahara, are difficult because of poor resources and language barriers. Dr. Vermund also pointed out the Caribbean has an extremely low percentage

of infection compared to the rest of the world. It is, however, SECOND in the world in rate of new infection reported, per capita. This means proper prevention is not being practiced, and the problem is not being recognized. Both Dr. Visser and Vermund agree on the point that it is important for political acknowledgement of the situation, to expedite any sort of effective programs of prevention.

By Rosalie Klein

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Aruba Lions Club ready to raffle their next house!



Just recently the board and members of Aruba Lions Club together with the Monte Verde Residence company, which manages the houses in their complex, for the celebration of the traditional Aruban custom....the "Span-tenbier" (reaching the highest point in the construction which is celebrated with lots of free beer for everyone).

This is a house that Aruba Lions Club has purchased to be raffled as of the 2nd of

November.

This will be the 56th house that this service club is raffling as one of their fund raising projects. This is the second time that they have chosen a Monte Verde home situated in Sero Biento. The house is built after the Flower Model of Jasmin, and is 101m2, with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths installed by Banjolux. It has an Italian style modern kitchen completely installed by Berloni, and a Washroom.

The windows are made of double glass, and the roof is covered with roof panels. The house is built on a 400m2 lot and has a value of more or less 242.000 Florins. This is a very modern and ideal home for any family.

The raffle will be held in November, but the raffle tickets are already on the market for sale. Apparently, there is a greater demand for this raffle this year than in previous years, which means that tick-



ets may sell out really early.

Each ticket costs only Afls.25 and gives each holder of a ticket the opportunity to win a brand new house, and at the same time the purchaser of a ticket is contributing to helping Aruba Lions Club with their community projects for the needy.

Lions Club International represents more than 1.4 million members worldwide with 46 million clubs in 205 countries or geographic areas. Annually the organization invests millions of dollars into charity initiatives around the world.

Aruba Lions Club will be

celebrating 65 years of existence on September 29th. The local club has 63 members (almost one member per year of existence) and resorts, administratively, under district E1. This E1 district covers the regional area of Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao and Venezuelan states like Falcon, Zulia, Trujillio, Merida, Tachira and the Apure state.

Every year the club generates a very large undisclosed sum of money from their different fund raising activities, which they, reportedly invest back into the community through a long list of organizations and instances in need of help.

At El Gaucho Argentine Grill

A dream wedding starts with a dream rehearsal dinner



elegant rehearsal dinner at El Gaucho Argentine Grill, was a popular feature on many wedding-party schedule of events, this past summer.

The guests generally include the couple to be married and others who form the wedding party, including extended family members and out-of-town guests.

Sumptuous, leisurely-served dinner at El Gaucho, allows relatives and friends of the bride and groom to meet and have a good time. It's also an excellent opportunity for the couple to thank everyone who has put work into helping them with wedding preparations.

Between courses, invited guests may toast, or roast, as is often the case, the bride and the groom, followed by the giving of small gifts, as tokens of appreciation for those who supported the pre-wedding rush.

The El Gaucho signature wedding rehearsal dinner takes place in one of the restaurant's private dining rooms, where guests are served a customized menu, carefully prepared in honor of the occasion by the restaurant's culinary team. The room is decorated with helium balloons and confetti, with fresh flowers and petals at no additional cost. The restaurant management gladly arranges the services of a DJ, or any popular local band, playing a great range of music from oldies to top 100. The restaurant also offers audio-visual equipment in the event that a DVD is shown or a special presentation made.

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It's no wonder then that an

Bucuti Yacht Club to host their 39th International Billfish Tournament

The excitement of big game fishing will be even more of an adrenaline rush the last weekend of September, as Bucuti Yacht Club hosts their 39th International Billfish Tournament, September 28, 29, and 30.

The organizing committee for the event, welcomed media on President Giovanni Gomez' boat "Penelope" to announce the upcoming event. Major sponsors Balashi Brewery and B-55 Restaurant were represented by Richard Giel and Hans Timpner. B-55 will be providing the BBQ meals over the weekend and Balashi and Tropical Bottling the beverages. Nick Werleman is the supervisor of the judging committee. Carlos Peterson handles P/R and information for the event.

Mid – autumn is marlin season around Aruba's waters, and participants can expect great fishing action. Anglers will be going for White Marlin, Blue Marlin and Sailfish; the tournament is strictly "catch and release", no fish are to be taken for trophies. Fishermen are required to photograph their fish, then set them free. Only fish photographed in the water qualify for consideration; any on a swimming platform or in the boat will be disqualified. All strikes will be reported via VHF Radio Channel. Fishermen have one hour after the close of the fishing day to turn in their time and date stamped photographs.

Prize money for the biggest fish caught is \$6000 for first place, \$2500 for second and \$2000 for third. Entrance fee per boat is \$500, with a limit of four anglers.

Friday evening, September 28, the weekend begins with a captain's meeting at 8:00 PM and welcome reception lasting until midnight. Boats will take to the sea at 7:30 AM on Saturday and Sunday, after breakfast is served; return times are 5:00 and 4:30 PM, respectively.

Peripheral events for fans of the sport will be a domino tournament on Saturday and a family fishing contest on Sunday afternoon. Saturday there will be festivities at the yacht club with a live band from 2:00 PM on and Happy Hour from 5 to 7:00 PM.

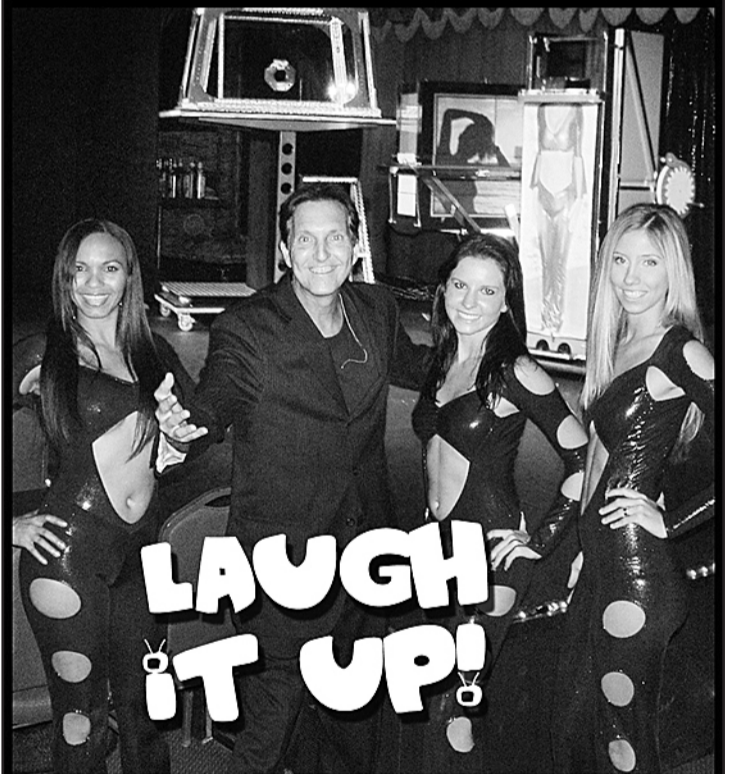
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France ready to recognise Syria opposition government

PARIS (AFP) - French President Francois Hollande stepped up pressure on Syria Monday, saying France would recognise a provisional government and warning of a foreign intervention if the regime uses chemical weapons.

In a speech to French diplomats, Hollande called for an "intensification of efforts for the political transition to take place quickly" and urged the Syrian opposition to form a "provisional, inclusive and representative" government.

"France will recognise the provisional government of the new Syria as soon as it is formed," he said.

Washington, however, reacted that before setting up a government the Syrian opposition first needed to coordinate with citizens inside and outside the country and set a democratic path.

"So that's the first order of business -- for them to all agree on what a transition ought to look like. Obviously, it's a matter for them to decide if and when they may be prepared to start naming folks," said US State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland.

Hollande was on the same page with the United States and Britain when he warned the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad that using chemical weapons would be a legitimate reason for a foreign intervention.

Hollande said the opposition of Russia and China to action against the Syrian regime was weakening the United Nations.

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Working dilligently on organizing our Cultural heritage

Together with the support of UNESCO and our other partners in the Dutch Caribbean, Aruba is working hard on saving our cultural heritage. In this context, two interns from Holland visited Minister of Social and Cultural Affairs, Michelle Hooy-boer-Winklaar. The purpose of the visit of the two interns was to give the Minister a look at the work they have accomplished thus far, and some idea of their planning up to December.



Cornielieke de Klerk is working with the registration of our cultural heritage on

ample sense of the term. In Holland the Ministry of OC&W has a registration

material and im-material matters. Back in August, Holland, Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten signed a treaty with UNESCO in which the Dutch Kingdom would register, protect and take care of our cultural heritage in the most

system which requires the participation of the community. Since Cornielieke did an internship at OC&W, she was chosen to come here to help the material and im-material committee in the organization of the information of Aruba.

The Aruba committee consists of, the General Secretary of UNESCO in Aruba, Jimmy Oduber, Alice van Romondt of the Ministry of Culture, Museum - Luc Alofs, Archeological Museum - Vivi Franken-Ruiz, National Archives - Ray-

mond Hernandez, artifacts and project is Zahira Zaan-dam. Merel van Lieshout is working on the project of branding and sealing.

Soon they will install a mixed commission to realize the project in anticipation of the restoration of the monumental building in the Zoutman straat. Here they intend to set up a large Museum shop to sell products with the seal of Aruba. The doors of this building will be designed to swing open unto the Plaza Padu Del Caribe.

International News

China blamed for fake goods seized in Italy



Fake iPhones are displayed in a shop at a market known for counterfeit goods in Shanghai

ROME (AFP) - Italy's police on week-end have seized so far this year 52 million counterfeit items, including train tickets, smartphones, condoms and detergents, with much of them coming from China.

The financial police's counter-fraud division said 97 members of organised criminal gangs, 41 percent of them Italian, were arrested during the same first seven months of 2012 in connection with the counterfeit goods.

A statement said that 35 daily monitoring operations helped deprive the underground economy of some two million euros (2.5 million dollars) of illicit revenue per day.

It said two million counterfeit train tickets worth 14 euros apiece (17.5 dollars) for the trip from Termini station to Fiumicino airport in Rome were made in China, along with 100,000 condoms and one million toys.

In Fiumicino, the authorities dismantled a gang that im-

ported through various ports in northern Europe fake Ray Ban sunglasses as well as Nike and Adidas shoes. Seven Chinese living in Rome were arrested, the police said.

In the Sicilian port of Palermo, the authorities seized 9,000 boxes of brand name detergent that contained completely ineffective powder.

In the northern city of Salo, police confiscated fake Apple, HTC and Nokia smartphones that were sold via the Internet.

In Venice, a classic distribution scheme of fake Rolex, Philippe and Cartier watches was discovered at the height of the tourist season.

Fake Hogan sports shoes produced in underground factories were being exported from Naples and the port close to Caserta.

Police in Florence obtained "impressive" results on Italian-Chinese counterfeiting gangs, the statement said. They identified 155 illegal operators

who conducted some 242,000 illegal money transfers using 58 aliases.

Since 2010, the same operation has led to the discovery of money transfers to China totalling 4.5 billion euros (5.6 billion dollars), the implication of 581 suspects, including 24 who were arrested, and the seizure of 207 firms, 283 properties and 471 cars.

France slammed as 'scandalous' Roma expulsions resume



Children from the Roma community play in a camp of caravans called "Area16" in Strasbourg, eastern France. The "Area 16" in Strasbourg was opened in October 2011 by the City of Strasbourg. It currently accommodates 70 people in 26 caravans, funded by the municipality. Residents have water, electricity and special social support to facilitate their integration into French society.

PARIS (AFP) - French police on Monday dismantled a Roma camp near Paris, sweeping more than 70 people out just days after the government promised a less confrontational approach to the ethnic minority migrants.

Police in the suburb of Evry moved in at dawn to clear the camp following an expulsion order issued by local mayor Francis Chouat on safety and public health grounds, preempting by 24 hours a court hearing on the camp's future.

The government pledged last week that it would seek court orders for clearances but that requirement was over-ridden by the mayor's ruling that the camp's proximity to a commuter rail line made it dangerous.

Interior Minister Manuel Valls, who has sanctioned the clearance of several Roma camps since the new Socialist government came to power, backed the move, describing sanitary conditions in the Evry settlement as "unbearable."

But the police sweep was denounced as "scandalous" by Catholic Bishop Jacques Gaillot.



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proach of periodically dismantling camps and offering free flights and financial incentives for Roma to return to their countries of origin.

But the policy, decried as reminiscent of Nazi-era persecution when it was launched by former president Nicolas Sarkozy in 2010, has had little impact on overall numbers and Valls has come under fire from some of his own colleagues, human rights groups and the European Commission.

The government moved last week to appease its critics by announcing that it would ease restrictions on Bulgarian and Romanian migrants' access to the jobs market.

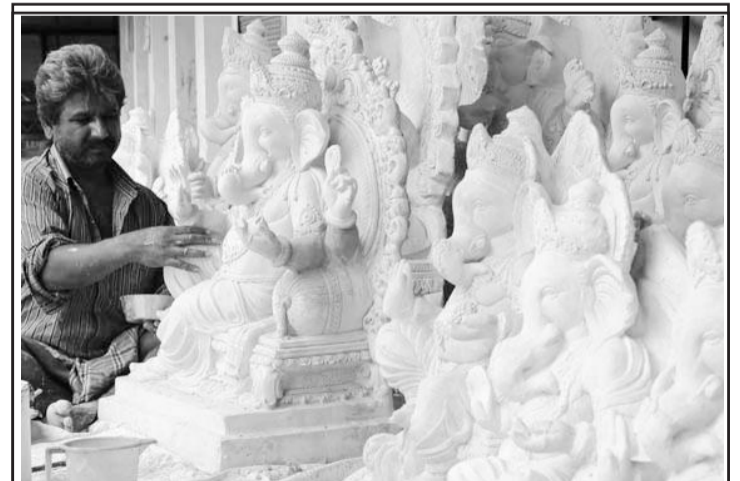
It also said clearances would only be carried out on the basis of court orders and ideally with a plan for alternative accommodation having been established first.

That was not the case in Evry, where the expelled Roma trudged wearily from a site that has been their home for several months, their possessions stuffed into cases and plastic bags or piled up on prams.



KHAIRAN : A Kuwaiti diver opens a shell he picked from the sea to look for pearls in the port of Khairan, 100 kilometres south of Kuwait City. Pearl-diving trips are held annually under the patronage of the Kuwaiti emir in order to keep alive traditions that accompanied the once-important national pearl trade before the discovery of the oil wealth.

AFP PHOTO



AMRITSAR : Indian artist Gulab prepares idols of the Hindu God Lord Ganesha in Amritsar yesterday. Hindus bring home Lord Ganesha idols in order to invoke his blessings for wisdom and prosperity at the start of the ten-day long Ganesh Chaturthi festival (birth anniversary of Ganesh), starting September 19.

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International News

Colombia, rebels to open peace talks: former vice president

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia's government and leftist FARC rebels have agreed to open peace negotiations October 5 in Oslo and then shift the talks to Cuba, former vice president Francisco Santos said Monday.

"In the coming days, (President Juan Manuel) Santos will announce the start of negotiations with the FARC, which will be opened in Oslo October 5 and will continue in Havana," said Santos, who is a cousin of the president but critical of many of his policies.

Colombian media were treating what would be a landmark development toward ending decades of civil strife as a done deal.

But the president himself has not commented on reports of government contacts with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) to lay the groundwork for a peace process, the first in Colombia in a decade.

One key member of his team, chief prosecutor Eduardo Montealegre, acknowledged Monday that Colombia "must move toward a peace process."

"The end of fighting in Colombia won't be brought about with arms," he told W radio. "Putting this decades-

old conflict behind us will be achieved with a peace process. We all deserve peace; it is a constitutional right."

Daniel Garcia-Pena, who was peace commissioner from 1995-1998 under ex-president Ernesto Samper, also sounded positive about the outlook.

"If the contacts are confirmed, I am upbeat. I think both the government and the FARC understand that continuing the war is senseless," he said.

"The rebels have known for some time now that they are not going to take power in a war, and that they are going to have to become a (legal) political force if they are going to survive in a postwar atmosphere," Garcia-Pena said.

And the government "knows ending the conflict is central to its success in being able to make Colombia part of the world of major democracies," he stressed.

Founded in 1964, the Marxist-inspired FARC is believed to have some 9,000 fighters, most of them hiding out in mountainous and jungle areas.

It is Latin America's largest and longest-fighting insurgency.

Republican convention opens... for a few minutes

TAMPA, Florida (AFP) - The Republican convention to crown Mitt Romney the presidential nominee opened Monday not with a bang but with a whimper, as the symbolic session was adjourned almost immediately for a day's storm delay.

Reince Preibus, chairman of the Republican National Committee, opened the session at 2:00 pm (1800 GMT), gaveling the convention to order in front of a half-empty hall in Tampa, Florida.

Monday was supposed to be the raucous kick-off to four days of carefully choreographed political theater.

Instead, after party officials scrapped the first day of events due to the threat posed

by Tropical Storm Isaac, a symbolic minutes-long session was held before proceedings were adjourned until the following day.

The original script had Romney to be formally nominated to take on President Barack Obama in the November 6 election by a delegate roll call on Monday morning, launching a succession of well-honed speeches by leading party figures.

That procedure will now take place on Tuesday.

Preibus activated two clocks designed to highlight "the fiscal recklessness" of the Obama administration.

One showed America's \$15.9 trillion national debt. The other reactivated the

clock from zero to show how much debt accumulates during the four days of the convention.

"The first clock will bring home the full magnitude of the problem, while this second clock will impress upon the nation just how much our government overspends in the span of only four days," Preibus said in a statement. "Both clocks highlight the magnitude of our debt problem."

Republican Party officials stressed that the prime nighttime speaking slots on Tuesday and Wednesday, culminating in Romney's acceptance speech on Thursday after an introduction by rising Hispanic star Marco Rubio, remained unchanged.

Pussy Riot team appeals 'punk prayer' jailing

MOSCOW (AFP) - Pussy Riot lawyers on Monday appealed the jailing of three of the Russian band members for their "punk prayer" call for Vladimir Putin's ouster ahead of his election to a new presidential term.

The decision to contest this month's controversial ruling came as news emerged that two other singers in the revolving-member group had fled Russia out of fear of being arrested by the police.

Defence attorney Violetta Volkova said that Pussy Riot's appeal against the two-year imprisonment was filed with the Moscow City Court.

"All the papers are in

order. The only question is whether we will need to file any additional material later," Volkova told AFP.

Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Maria Alyokhina -- 22 and 24 respectively and both mothers of young children -- and 30-year-old Yekaterina Samutsevich burst into Russia's main cathedral wearing their trademark balaclavas and shouted out a few lines of their protest song on February 21.

A Moscow judge ruled that the performance displayed "clear disrespect toward society" and convicted them of "hooliganism motivated by religious hatred".

The ruling was instantly

condemned by the United States and major European powers as another example of freedoms coming under pressure with Putin in power.

The unusual case sparked a worldwide celebrity and pop star campaign for Pussy Riot's freedom that has enlisted the likes of Bjork and Madonna as well as Paul McCartney and Sting.

But Moscow investigators responded to the global pressure by launching a hunt for two other members of the group who took part in the protest stunt but managed to avoid police detention in the subsequent months.

Isaac rains boost Cuba water reserves

HAVANA (AFP) - Tropical Storm Isaac, which swept across Cuba at the weekend before heading toward the southern United States, substantially boosted the communist nation's water reserves, state media said Monday.

The rains from Isaac added 74.4 million cubic meters of water to the five reser-

voirs closest to the storm's path, according to the official daily Granma.

Before the tropical storm hit the island, 11 reservoirs in Santiago de Cuba province were at 57 percent capacity but have now increased to 66 percent said the island's Institute of Water Reserves.

Dams in the central

province of Ciego de Avila, meanwhile, are at 96 percent capacity, a local official said.

Civil defense officials said Sunday that Isaac did not kill anyone in Cuba, unlike in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, which recorded 19 and two deaths respectively, though it did damage to housing, crops and the electricity grid.

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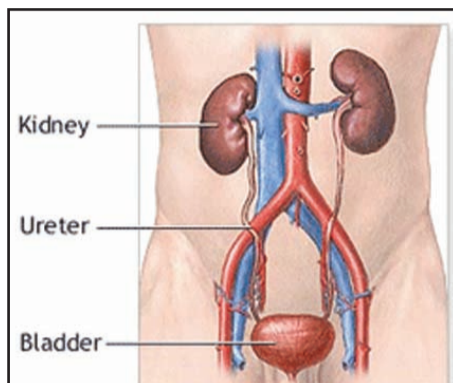
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Health & Living

Ow, Ow, Nurse accidentally throws away Kidney meant for transplantation



OHIO (AFP) - An Ohio nurse accidentally threw out a kidney from a living donor this month at the University of Toledo Medical Center, health officials said. Doctors tried unsuccessfully for at least two

hours to revive the organ which was donated by the patient's brother in order to save his sisters life.

Toby Klinger, a spokesperson for University of Toledo Medical Center, admitted that human error rendered the kidney unusable, but he refused to reveal more details as the hospital's probe into what happened and its respect for the privacy of the patients involved.

Dr. Jeffery P. Gold, dean of the College of Medicine at the university, apologized for the

scary incident.

Two operating-room staff nurses were suspended with pay following the incident, while the hospital put its donor program into suspension and is investigating into the incident.

It is unclear what happened to the intended kidney recipient.

E-Cigarettes Don't Damage the Heart

- Electronic cigarettes simulate the effect of smoking by producing an inhaled vapor. The device consists of a battery, a cartridge containing liquid and a heating element that gets warm and evaporates the liquid. Laboratory analyses of the liquids show that they are less toxic than regular cigarettes. Most studies have found no nitrosamines, but even in studies where nitrosamines were found, the levels detected were 500-1400 times less than the amount present in one tobacco cigarette. This means that electronic cigarettes must be used daily for 4-12 months to get the amount of nitrosamines present in a single tobacco cigarette.

Since heart disease is the

main cause of morbidity and mortality in smokers, with 40 percent of deaths in smokers due to coronary artery disease alone, the research team decided to perform the first clinical study of the acute effects of electronic cigarettes on cardiac function. They decided to compare their results with the acute effects of regular cigarettes on cardiac function since electronic cigarettes are marketed to smokers only, as an alternative habit.

The researchers found that smoking one tobacco cigarette led to significant acute myocardial dysfunction but electronic cigarettes had no acute adverse effects on cardiac function.

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Mute Indian stranded in Pakistan desperate for home

KARACHI (AFP) - A deaf and mute Indian woman stranded in Pakistan is thinking of only one thing: how to get home to see her family.

Geeta, now 21, was found by police 13 years ago, sitting alone and disorientated on a train that had come across the border into Pakistan's eastern city of Lahore.

As no one claimed her, officers took Geeta to the Edhi Foundation, Pakistan's largest and best-known charity, in whose care she has remained ever since.

Geeta, desperate to get back to India, has tried to run away several times but, defenceless and unable to explain where her family live, has failed.

However, activists are now making a renewed push in the hope that Indian and Pakistani authorities can intervene to find her parents.

At first, Geeta lived in a shelter in Lahore as the charity tried to track down her family, but years went by without success.

After she tried to escape several times and quarrelled with staff, Bilqees, who always had an easy relationship with her, brought her to Karachi six months ago and welcomed her into her own home.

Short and thin with a pale complexion, Geeta has her own form of sign language and can write in Hindi: "India, seven brothers, three sisters".

She adopts the Hindi custom of greeting elders by touching their feet and pressing her two palms together close to her heart in the gesture of Namaste.

Speaking through sign language, she said one day she became annoyed after being told off by her parents, left the house and kept walking for hours.

"Then," she swings her hands back and forth in a loop, a sign for a moving train, "I boarded the train and slept."

Geeta writes that her mother used to call her "Guddi", which means doll in Urdu and



Punjabi. Through sign language, she says her home is next to a river, set in fields with the house behind a hospital and a restaurant.

"You know, it could be any village or town. We have so many places like this," sighs Bilqees in quiet frustration.

An official in the Indian High Commission in Islamabad, when contacted by AFP, said he would inquire into the case, but was unable to comment for the moment.

Zohra Yusuf, chairwoman of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, has offered to help by taking up the case with the High Commission, and calling on the Indian media to help find her family.

Geeta is not the first Indian child to stray into Pakistan. Other cases of children straying across the border have previously been resolved with them handed back to their home country.

Three years ago, Bilqees says she managed to repatriate another Indian girl, who had also strayed across the border after a row with her parents.

"But, fortunately she could speak and tell us her whereabouts, which enabled us to arrange for her safe return."

Geeta touches her lips and ears to indicate that her siblings can hear and speak. Then her smile tinges with sadness. She looks at the sky and moves her arm slowly upwards, mimicking a plane.



DARAYA, Syria : TOPSHOTS A handout picture released by the Syrian opposition's Local Coordination Committees of Syria (LCC Syria) on August 26, 2012 shows the shrouded bodies of children during the funeral of Syrians who activists said were killed by regime forces in Daraya near Damascus. Several hundred bodies have been found in Daraya after a ferocious assault by the Syrian army, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said, as activists accused government forces of another gruesome "massacre."

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French boy admits to setting massive forest fire

MARSEILLE (AFP) - A 14-year-old French boy has admitted to setting a massive forest fire that continued to blaze in southern France on Monday, prosecutors said. The boy was detained on Sunday after the fire broke out

close to the village of Orgon, near the city of Avignon, and was quickly spread by the mistral, the strong wind that frequently barrels down the Rhone valley.

He confessed to setting the fire and his detention was extended until Tuesday, a source in the prosecutors' office said.

A source close to the investigation said the boy had previously been charged with setting fires in the area in July.

Local officials said the blaze was under control but still active, with 700 firefighters working to battle it.

By Monday the fire had burnt around 400 hectares (900 acres) of vegetation in the popular tourist region and destroyed two houses but had not caused any casualties, officials said.

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Haiti death toll from storm Isaac hits 19



PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) - The death toll from Tropical Storm Isaac has surged to 19 in Haiti as reports of damage and destruction trickle in from remote areas, authorities said Monday. The storm tore over Haiti early Saturday, visiting renewed misery in an impoverished country where an estimated 400,000 people are still living in tent camps more than two years after a catastrophic 2010 earthquake killed 250,000 people. By Monday, 19 people had been confirmed killed, and six were missing, in storm-related incidents including six people in the hard-hit west and five people in the south, civil defense officials said. Another 15,000 people had to be evacuated and 335 homes were destroyed, they said. Some 5,000 Haitians were evacuated from tent camps ahead of the storm, which was in the Gulf of Mexico Monday after sweeping Cuba and lashing the Florida Keys. It was on a track headed toward the New Orleans area almost seven years after it was devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Sci-Tech

Twitter shakes up US election campaign



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Will tweets make the difference in the 2012 US presidential election? Twitter and other social media are being used by candidates to energize supporters, raise funds and shift the focus of the public debate for what some call the nation's first "social election" in November.

Twitter has the potential "to sway the national narrative," said Zach Green, head of the media consultancy 140Elect, which advises candidates on how to use Twitter.

Because Twitter democratizes the delivery of information, tweets can help a candidate by getting out a message that might not be seen on traditional media like newspapers and television.

Tony Fratto, a former White House and US Treasury spokesman in the George W. Bush administration who is now a partner in the consulting firm Hamilton Place Strategies, said Twitter can be a game-changer.

"It has made it possible for campaigns to immediately communicate with large numbers of potential voters in about the cheapest way you can imagine," Fratto said.

"Not only can you impress a message on millions of people, but you can respond to charges quickly. In the old days, you would have someone put a television ad, and it would take time to write a press release or produce an ad" to counter that, he said.

"With Twitter, the moment the charge or a critical ad or news report hits you are in a

position to respond in your own voice immediately and to generate responses from your supporters."

President Barack Obama has a huge head start on Republican rival Mitt Romney on Twitter. The incumbent has some 18.7 million Twitter followers to fewer than 900,000 for Romney.

Green's analysis shows Obama tweets 10 times more often as Romney, and gets additional support on Twitter from his campaign. But Romney's tweets are more often shared and retweeted, suggesting his supporters are more "engaged," said Green.

In the 2008 election, Twitter was just getting started and had a limited impact, Castillo noted, because it had fewer users -- mainly younger people -- and was not as important for news media.

Now, Twitter is a major driver of news and the so-called "national conversation."

"Twitter is a very democratic platform," she said.

"I think it's becoming part of a bigger landscape and to the extent that it influences the mainstream media, it will have power."

A study by the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism said the Obama campaign "holds a distinct advantage" in its use of digital technology to communicate with voters, particularly Twitter.

The Pew report said that candidates who use these technologies demonstrate they are keeping up with the times.

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 14. Ear part
 15. Deadly serpent
 16. Pour
 17. Enjoying a cruise
 18. Song from "The King and I"
 21. Count (on)
 22. Say "alas"
 23. "____ Betrayed"

25. Hold session
 26. Diamonds, slangily
 29. "____ You" ("The King and I" song)
 33. Have unpaid bills
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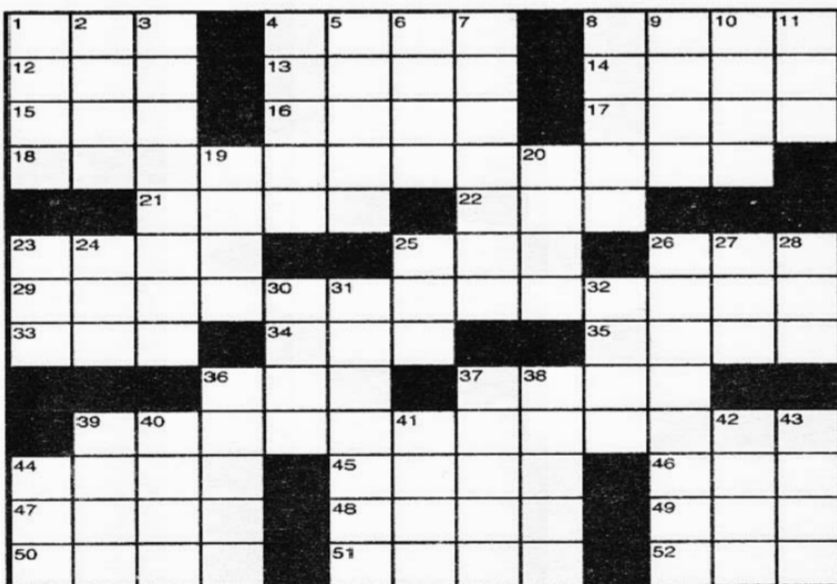
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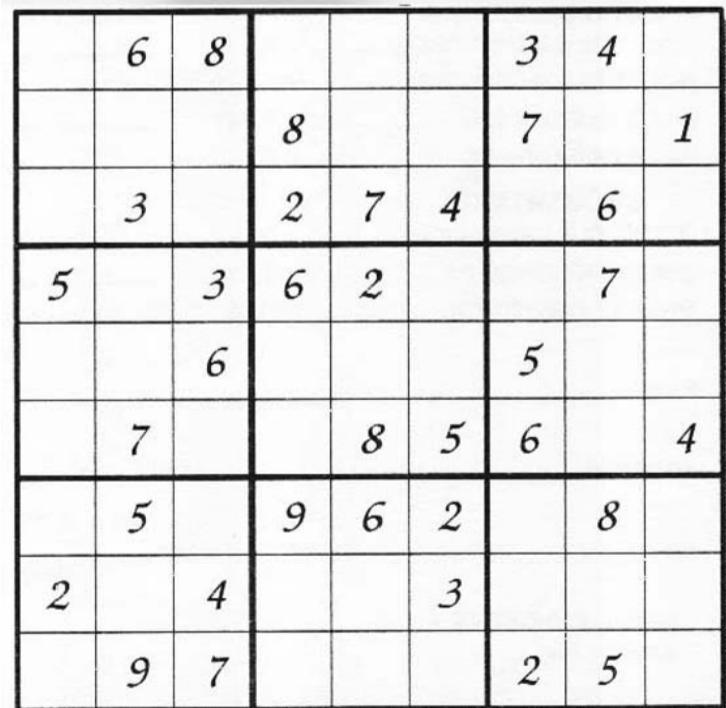
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Finance

Apple hits new highs amid mixed US trade

NEW YORK (AFP) - Apple shares hit new highs amid mixed trade Monday after winning a patent lawsuit over Samsung, and news of takeovers in the banking and auto rental sectors underpinned Wall Street sentiment.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 26.44 points (0.20 percent) to 13,131.53 at 1425 GMT.

The S&P 500, a broader measure of the markets, shed 0.37 point (0.03 percent) at 1,410.76, while the tech-rich Nasdaq climbed 4.22 (0.14 percent) to 3,074.01.

The markets were firm "aided by a favorable patent ruling for Apple Inc and some M&A news, ahead of Friday's highly anticipated annual Federal Reserve gathering in Jackson Hole, Wyoming," Charles Schwab & Co. analysts said.

Apple shares scored new record highs, reaching \$680.87 before easing to \$675.86, up 1.9 percent. The California gadget maker was awarded more than \$1 billion in damages for patent infringement in a US court victory over Samsung on Friday, in one of the biggest patent cases in decades.

The ruling could alter the smartphone landscape in which Apple has been losing ground to rivals like Samsung that use the free Android system developed by Google. Google rose 1.9 percent.

In merger and acquisition news, car rental giant Hertz surged 12.4 percent after announcing Monday it will acquire Dollar Thrifty, up 7.4 percent, for \$2.3 billion.

On the Nasdaq, Hudson City Bancorp soared 16.3 per-

cent to \$7.49 after it agreed to merge into a subsidiary of M&T Bank Corporation in a \$3.7 billion deal. M&T added 4.8 percent at \$90.00.

Shares in Tiffany lost their luster, plunging 6.0 percent after the luxury jeweler reported disappointing second-quarter earnings and a lowered full-year outlook.

The Dow's oil heavyweights slipped as Tropical Storm Isaac threatened the US Gulf of Mexico, where nearly a quarter of the nation's oil is produced.

Chevron lost 0.2 percent and ExxonMobil was down 0.3 percent.

Bond prices rallied. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.66 percent from 1.68 percent Friday, while the 30-year yield dropped to 2.76 percent from 2.79 percent. Bond yields move inversely to prices.

Greece to sell state jet: government

ATHENS, Greece (AFP) - Greece on Monday said it was selling one of its three state jets and making the other two available to the national airforce in order to cut defence costs, amid efforts to balance the state budget.

A second Brazilian-made Embraer will be handed over to the airforce for training purposes. The government said it was keeping the third jet, a US-made Gulfstream, for state trips but said this plane too would also be occasionally available to the airforce "in order to avoid wearing out army transport planes".

Greece is under pressure from the EU and the International Monetary Fund to cut state spending in return for billions of euros (dollars) in loans that are keeping its economy alive.

Part of the savings are to come from the defence budget, and the government has also pledged to raise 19 billion euros (\$23.8 billion) from the sale of state assets.

ECB shows no sign of restarting bond buy programme

FRANKFURT (AFP) - The European Central Bank has again opted not to resume its programme of buying up bonds of eurozone nations, data suggested Monday, despite widespread speculation that the bank may do so soon.

According to data published on the bank's website, it did not buy any sovereign bonds last week for the 24th week in a row.

The ECB launched its bond-buying blitz under the Securities Market Programme (SMP) in 2010 to help debt-racked eurozone countries that were finding it

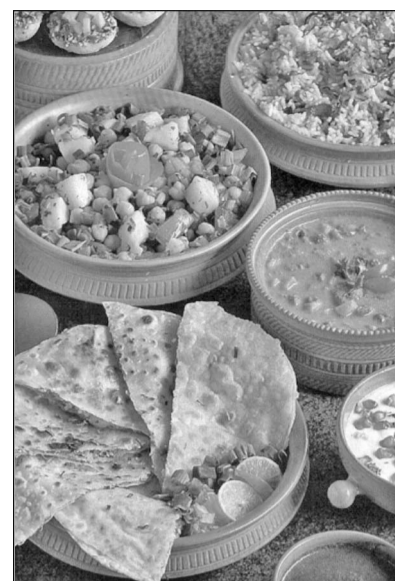
difficult to drum up financing in capital markets.

But the SMP has lain dormant since February following the ECB's moves to pump more than one trillion euros (\$1.25 trillion) into the banking system via three-year funding operations in December and February.

After one of the most hotly anticipated ECB policy meetings in recent history earlier this month, ECB chief Mario Draghi said the central bank "may" resume bond purchases, but it was primarily up to governments to solve the long-running debt crisis.



FRANCE, Paris : A board displays oil prices at a gas station in Paris on August 27, 2012. French Prime Minister promised on August 22, 2012 a modest and temporary cut to the taxes on petrol and diesel in order to reduce prices at the pump but questioned the wisdom of a price cap. AFP PHOTO



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India invites Chinese companies to invest

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India on Monday invited China to invest in its new flagship manufacturing zones as part of a push to broaden commercial links and cut a ballooning trade deficit with its Asian neighbour.

India's trade deficit with China, a longstanding economic irritant between the emerging market giants, soared 42 percent to nearly \$40 billion in the last fiscal year, while total bilateral trade climbed 27 percent to \$75 billion.

"We've invited China to participate in and support the establishment of one or more of the National Investment and Manufacturing Zones," trade minister Anand Sharma said in New Delhi after talks with his Chinese counterpart Chen Deming.

"That is where the opportunities beckon," Sharma said in a speech to Indian and Chinese business leaders, adding the response from the Chinese to the investment proposal had been "positive and encouraging".

The zones are being set up under India's National Manufacturing Policy which aims

to boost manufacturing as a percentage of gross domestic product to 25 percent from 16 percent in the next decade.

The policy is part of India's struggle to provide jobs to its growing army of young people.

Chen, in turn, said Beijing, which exports mainly capital goods such as heavy engineering equipment to India, recognised its trade relationship with India was lopsided.

"We want to buy more goods from India to grow our trade relationship in a more balanced manner," he said.

"China and India are both fortunate to have sizeable domestic markets which give us the the opportunity to offset the risks of the weak global economy," he added.

Both nations' economies have slowed due to the global downturn and in India's case to high interest rates, corruption scandals and government policy paralysis that has dampened business activity.

Deming said China's economy was expected "to grow 7.5 percent or hopefully eight percent this year," down from growth of 9.2 percent last year.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Netherlands	EUR	220.74	222.76	224.99
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'Expendables 2' holds lead in N. America box office

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A-list action romp "The Expendables 2" held onto the top rung of the North American box office for a second weekend, keeping "The Bourne Legacy" at bay, industry estimates showed Sunday.

"The Expendables 2", which stars Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jet Li as mercenaries, raked in \$13.5 million a week after its debut, according to movie tracker Exhibitor Relations.

"The Bourne Legacy" -- starring Jeremy Renner as a secret agent threatened by his employers in the latest installment of the popular series that had starred Matt Damon as Jason Bourne -- took in \$9.3 million for second place.

Coming in third, also for a second week in a row, was "ParaNorman," an animated movie about a boy who can speak with the dead. It earned \$8.5 million in ticket sales.

Political spoof "The Campaign," starring Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis, remained in fourth place, with box office receipts of \$7.4 mil-



The Expendables 2, starring, from left, Yu Nan, Terry Crews, Sylvester Stallone, Randy Couture and Dolph Lundgren owned the box office for the second straight week.

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"The Dark Knight Rises," the latest Batman film, climbed back up to fifth place, earning \$7.2 million. The final installment in the trilogy directed by Christopher Nolan has so far raked in more than \$420 million.

Quirky fantasy-comedy "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" climbed to sixth place a week after its debut, bringing in \$7.1 million.

"Premium Rush," an action film starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt as a bike messenger

being pursued by a corrupt cop, debuted in seventh at \$6.3 million.

"2016: Obama's America," a documentary by conservative writer and commentator Dinesh D'Souza, shot to eighth place from a distant 13th last week, bringing in \$6.2 million.

Rounding out the top ten were Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones's romantic comedy "Hope Springs," with \$9.1 million in ticket sales, and action chase film "Hit and Run," which made \$4.7 million in its opening weekend.

"I Was Bullied," Called "Slave" : Gabby Douglas Tells Oprah



Olympians are regularly held up as inspirational figures, particularly for young girls and boys just beginning their own forays into athletics. But Gabby Douglas (16) will mean something more to a generation of young African American girls.

Not only did Douglas, and her teammates Alexandra Raisman, Jordyn Wieber, McKayla Maroney and Kyla Ross, bring home gold in the team competition, Gabby became the first African American woman to win individual all-around gold.

Gabby sat down with Oprah

Winfrey for an interview that aired yesterday in "Oprah's Next Chapter," opening up about facing racism, homesickness, the hair controversy and even her absent dad.

Douglas (with mom Natalie Hawkins) told Oprah about the less-than-ideal atmosphere at a local gym. "One of my teammates was like, 'Can you scrape the bar?' And they were like, 'Why doesn't Gabby do it, she's our slave?'"

"I felt I was being bullied and isolated from the group and they treated me not how they would treat their other teammates," Douglas told

Winfrey during the interview

"I wanted everyone to know my story, know where I came from, know my background," she said. "It was not easy. I had to face a lot coming through this journey, a lot of sacrifices, difficulties, challenges, even injuries. So I wanted everyone to know it still is possible in any sport for anyone. I wanted to make them know, never give up and just keep fighting because though times may be tough, sacrifices are not in vain and they do pay off."

"So just keep pushing toward your dream and just love it at the same time and enjoy it."



Notting Hill Carnival reaches bombastic climax



LONDON (AFP) - Revellers filled the streets of west London as the Notting Hill Carnival, Europe's biggest street festival, reached its climax yesterday with its famous Caribbean-inspired parade. A multi-ethnic throng milled between the stalls and thumping sound systems, drinking, dancing, and tasting jerk chicken as the smells of open-cooked food wafted through the air. Cloudy weather did not deter hordes of party-goers from flooding the streets to cheer on dozens of floats and flamboyantly dressed dancers parading through the west London neighbourhood. An extra 2,000 police officers were brought in to keep order in Notting Hill, adding to the 5,000 on patrol for the Sunday's Children's Day. Young performers covered in feathers, jewels and waving flags, danced their way along the sunny route to the sound of steel drums and calypso music. The carnival was founded in 1964 following disturbances in Notting Hill six years earlier that saw clashes between whites and newly arrived immigrants from the West Indies. This year's festivities have largely been peaceful so far, police said, though one 20-year-old man was left in a serious but stable condition on Sunday after being stabbed.

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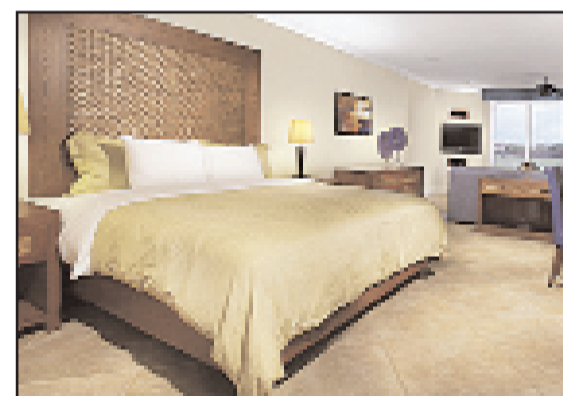


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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

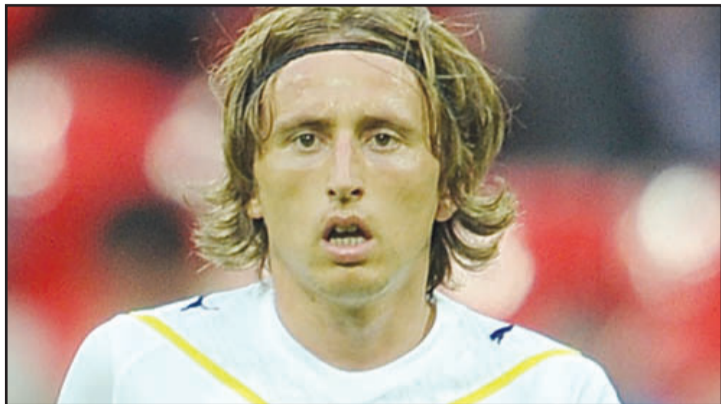
two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

SPORTS

Football: Real Madrid sign Spurs' Luka Modric for five seasons



MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid have signed on Tottenham Hotspur's Croatian midfielder Luka Modric for the next five seasons, the Spanish club announced Monday.

The 26-year-old Modric has been keen to leave White Hart Lane since the end of last season.

But Real's attempts to sign him have been frustrated by Spurs chairman Daniel Levy's demands for a fee of around £40 million (\$50 million

euros, \$63 million).

Spurs confirmed the transfer, subject to a medical, and said it had signed a partnership agreement for the two clubs to work together on players, coaching, best practices and commercial relationships.

"Luka has been a terrific player for us and, whilst we preferred not to part with him, we are pleased that it is to Real Madrid, a club with which we now look forward to sharing a long and productive partner-

ship," Levy said.

Real Madrid president Florentino Perez welcomed the deal in a statement on the London club's site.

"We are delighted to welcome Luka and look forward to working closely with Tottenham in the coming years," he said.

The Spanish club said it expected him to play a key role.

"Real Madrid has signed a very talented and creative playmaker for the midfield," they said.

"An attacking player capable of assisting his teammates and delivering with great judgement, added to which he has a great capacity for work and sacrifice for the sake of the team," Real Madrid said.

Luka made 160 appearances for Spurs, scoring 17 goals after joining from Dinamo Zagreb in the summer of 2008.

Paralympics: Swimming legend Du Toit prepares to bow out

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - South Africa's multiple paralympic champion Natalie du Toit is aiming for an astonishing seven golden medals at the London Olympics when she jumps in the pool for her last major international event.

The 28-year-old from Cape Town, whose story of courage in the face of a major setback has inspired millions, will take part in seven events in her third Paralympics.

Together with Oscar Pistorius, the "Blade Runner" who became the first double amputee to compete in the



Olympics when he ran in the 400m heats this year, Du Toit forms the backbone of South Africa's 62-strong team heading to the British capital.

She is aiming to go out with a bang, performing in the 50m, 100m and 400m freestyle, 200m individual medley, 100m backstroke and two categories in the 100m butterfly.

Du Toit has been preparing since last year at the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Swimming World Championships in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, last year.

"London 2012 will be the end of my swimming career," she told the IPC magazine The Paralympian in an interview published in January this year.

Du Toit started competing internationally as 14-year-old able-bodied swimmer, representing South Africa in the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Three years later her

scooter was hit by a car as she was returning to school after swimming practice. The teen's left leg was amputated below the knee.

Determined to overcome this obstacle, she was back in the pool three months later and training before she could even walk again.

In 2004 she swam for South Africa at the Paralympics in Athens and won five gold medals and a silver.

Today she tackles her last Games with 10 gold medals behind her name, having won a further five in Beijing and carried the South Africa flag in both the Olympics and Paralympics.

Du Toit holds a degree in sports management at the University of Cape Town, her home town, regularly performing as public speaker and sharing her story to encourage self-confidence in others.

This passion is reflected in the motto on her website: Be everything you want to be.

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Chinese ninth seed Li Na reached the US Open second round on Monday with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Britain's Heather Watson, but had to endure a marathon rain break before sealing victory. Li, who had lost in the first round on her last two visits, will face Australia's Casey Dellacqua for a place in the last 32. Former French Open champion Li, buoyed by her recent Cincinnati triumph, led 6-2, 5-3 when rain forced the players off Court 17 for over two and a half hours. But on their return, Li needed just three minutes to complete her assignment, taking victory when Watson, the 2009 US Open junior champion, netted a backhand.



Reigning US Open champion Samantha Stosur began her title defense with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Croatia's Petra Martić on Monday before rain halted the first day of play at the Grand Slam showdown. Only four matches were completed on the Flushing Meadows hardcourts before showers arrived, a nagging reminder that the men's final has been played a day late for the past four years as a result of downpours in the fortnight. The 28-year-old from Brisbane will face a qualifier in round two -- either Swiss Stefanie Voegele or Romania's Edina Gallovits-Hall.

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Cycling: cancer community rallies around Armstrong

MONTREAL (AFP) - Lance Armstrong, branded a drug cheat and banned from cycling by the US Anti-Doping Agency, can still count on support from the cancer community, the head of the Union for International Cancer Control said Monday.

US cycling icon and cancer survivor Armstrong is set to be stripped of his seven Tour

de France titles after he gave up the right to fight serious doping claims by the US agency at an independent hearing.

But Union for International Cancer Control president Mary Gospodarowicz told AFP the "cancer community is behind him."

Gospodarowicz was speaking at the opening of the World Cancer Congress in Montreal. Armstrong is scheduled to speak at the conference on Wednesday and "donations to his foundation continue" unabated, she said.

Armstrong's Livestrong campaign has so far collected nearly \$500 million for cancer research and helping people cope with the disease.



WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania (AFP) — Noriatsu Osaka went four-for-four with three homers and four RBI as Japan routed Goodlettsville, Tennessee 12-2 to claim the 2012 Little League World Series championship. Yuta Ishida homered and drove in three runs and pitcher Kotaro Kiyomiya struck out eight and allowed just one hit in four innings for Japan on Sunday. It marked the eighth LLWS title for Japan, which has played in the Williamsport finale five of the past seven years. The Tennessee team could not keep up with the undefeated Japanese club. Tennessee advanced to the final by beating Petaluma, California 24-16 on Saturday. Pitchers Justin Smith allowed five runs in three innings and Blake Osborne also gave up five runs for the Americans. This was the first time a team from Tennessee reached the final of the LLWS.

Eto'o calls for calm amid fan violence in Russia



(AFP) - Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o, now starring with Russian top-flight side Anzhi Makhachkala, on Monday appealed for calm after episodes of fan violence in recent days sparked waves of arrests.

Police detained more than 100 fans after unrest in Moscow and in Saint Petersburg and former Barcelona

star Eto'o felt moved to issue an appeal for better behaviour.

"We need the supporters and it is important for us that matches are held in a healthy atmosphere," Eto'o told the Anzhi club website, warning that even "a small scuffle" could have major consequences.

Hardcore fans of both Anzhi and champions Zenit Saint Petersburg have recently been involved in clashes with racist undertones -- notably when the teams met on August 18 in Makhachkala in Dagestan in the Caucasus region, leaving one Zenit fan badly hurt.

Three days later, three Anzhi fans were attacked by some 30 Zenit hooligans ahead of a Europa League meeting between Anzhi and

Dutch side AZ Alkmaar in Moscow.

Eto'o and his colleagues play their European matches in the Russian capital at UEFA's behest owing to the unstable political climate in

Dagestan.

Racist violence in the Russian game also flared in December 2010 when a Spartak Moscow supporter died after being attacked by youths from the Caucasus.



British third seed and Olympic champion Andy Murray reached the US Open second round on Monday with a 6-2, 6-4, 6-1 win over Russia's Alex Bogomolov. Murray will face either Croatia's Ivan Dodig or Japanese qualifier Hiroyuki Moriya for a place in the last 32.

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Aruba Pro-Am 2012: Venezuelan team with Pro Jose Montero successfully defend their title



First place team from Venezuela

The 18th edition of the Aruba International Pro-Am Golf Tournament, conducted annually at the Tierra Del Sol Golf Course and Country Club, came to a close on Sunday evening, August 26 with an elegant dinner under the stars around the pool deck.

Head Pro Adam Williamson reports the tournament got off to a shaky start on Friday, with practice rounds plagued by unpredictable changes in the winds and unpleasantly high humid-

ity. Players were reassured when they took to the greens on Saturday and Sunday, as Aruba's cooling trade winds were back in force.

The weekend produced another exciting round of golf and elegant evening events enjoyed by the teams and their spouses. The final farewell and award dinner was convivial affair marked by a sumptuous menu from the TDS Culinary team. Thirty teams from ten countries participated in this

year's events.

Top winners among the teams, consisting of four amateurs mentored by a noted golf pro, saw last year's winners from Venezuela, captained by Jose Montero, bring home another elegant trophy. Jose also won second place in the "Low Pro" pro round. Third place was Brazil's Robison Gomez, and Jesus Ortega from Venezuela took home the top pro purse.

Robison and his team won second place in the team standings, and third place went to one of the Aruba



Third Place Team playing for Aruba

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Second Place Team from Brazil

teams, mentored by Pro Eddy Rivera.

The tournament awarded Movado watches from Dia-

Ortero from Brazil wining both Saturday and Sunday's contests. Three closest to the pin contests were conducted

at holes #7, 13 and 15. Ulysses Urdanto, Jr and Ricardo Soto won Yamaha digital portable speakers donated by Boolchand's, and Silvio Meriaan and Alex Sato took home underwater digital cameras. Movado watches were won by Ray Perez and Janeth Haneo for being being Closest to the Pin at #15.

Adam Williams expressed his gratitude to all Aruba's sponsors, in particular Aruba Tourism Authority, EZ-GO Golf Carts and Tierra Del Sol for continuing to host this elegant and prestigious event.

by Rosalie Klein